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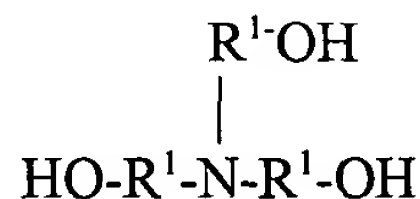
In response to the Examiner's correspondence dated April 11, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the amended claims as follows. Note that claims 1-2, 14, 30-32, 38-39 and 41-44, have been amended, claims 29 and 37 have been cancelled and claims 57 and 58 have been added as substantively nearly identical replacement claims for original claims 29 and 37.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 4, 16, 29 and 37 and amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended) A composition for use in personal care products produced by the method of:

a. producing a trialkanolamine fatty acid ester comprising reacting a trialkanolamine according to the general structure:



where R¹ is a C₂ to C₁₂ saturated or unsaturated, linear, branch-chained, cyclic or aromatic hydrocarbon group which is either unsubstituted or substituted with a pendant hydroxyl group,